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SUBJECT: IV INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM FOR TRANSITIONAL
QUARTER

FOR: CU/ARA

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ITQM ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT ALFONSO CARRO ZUNIGA UNABLE
TO TRAVEL BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

2. CARRO MAY BE ATTENDING INTERPARLIAMENTARY MEETING
IN EUROPE IN SEPTEMBER, OR MAY BE MEMBER OF COSTA RICAN
DELEGATION TO UNGA IN SEPTEMBER. EITHER WAY, POST
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PROGRAMMING CARRO FOR ONE
WEEK TO TWO WEEKS IN THE U.S. AFTER REPEAT AFTER
OCTOBER 1. AS SOON AS POST DETERMINES CARRO'S PLANS
DEPARTMENT WILL BE NOTIFIED.

3. CARRO'S ALTERNATE, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENT
AND LEADER OF HIS PARTY'S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, ELIAS
SOLEY SOLER, IS NOMINATED FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT DURING
TRANSITIONAL QUARTER. SOLEY WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN
AID-SPONSORED LABORATORY IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT
TEXAS A&M FROM AUGUST 8 THROUGH 15, AND WOULD BE
AVAILABLE FOR IVP PROGRAMMING FOR 10 DAYS AFTER THAT,
I.E., AUGUST 16-25. SOLEY ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN
LARGE IRRIGATION PROJECTS. POST SUGGESTS LOWER RIO GRANDE
VALLEY IRRIGATION AUTHORITY IN WESLACO, TEXAS; BUREAU OF
RECLAMATION HEADQUARTERS IN DENVER; AND TVA. HE IS ALSO
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INTERESTED IN VISIT TO EASTERN SEABOARD (WASHINGTON, D.C.,

NEW YORK, NEW ENGLAND) FOR MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS, VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES, AND CONTACT WITH U.S. LEGISLATIVE AND POSSIBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. SOLEY'S TRAVEL TO AND FROM TEXAS A&M WILL BE PAID BY AID. INTERPRETER SERVICES WILL BE NEEDED.

4. ANOTHER DEPUTY WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE TEXAS A&M COURSE HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING PROGRAMMED FOR THE SAME 10-DAY PERIOD. THIS DEPUTY, JUAN JOSE ECHEVERRIA BREALY, WOULD OBTAIN FUNDING FOR HIS PROGRAM FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; HIS PROGRAM INTERESTS WOULD BE THE SAME AS SOLEY'S--WITH THE ADDITION OF POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE (ONE DAY) AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AND VISITS TO NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS OF BOTH PARTIES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OTHER GOCR OFFICIALS--CABINET MEMBERS AND DEPUTIES--WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE COURSE WILL ALSO REQUEST FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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